

metalliferous minerals and nonmetalliferous minerals, not including oil and gas, which leases shall be irrevocable, except as herein provided, but which may be declared null and void upon breach of any of their terms.

"That after the passage and approval of this section, unallotted lands, or such portion thereof as the Secretary of the Interior shall determine, within Indian reservations heretofore withheld from disposition under the mining laws may be declared by the Secretary of the Interior to be subject to exploration for the discovery of deposits of gold, silver, copper, and other valuable metalliferous minerals and nonmetalliferous minerals, not including oil and gas, by citizens of the United States, and after such declaration mining claims may be located by such citizens in the same manner as mining claims are located under the mining laws of the United States: *Provided*, That the locators of all such mining claims, or their heirs, successors, or assigns, shall have a preference right to apply to the Secretary of the Interior for a lease, under the terms and conditions of this section, within one year after the date of the location of any mining claim, and any such locator who shall fail to apply for a lease within one year from the date of location shall forfeit all rights to such mining claim: *Provided further*, That duplicate copies of the location notice shall be filed within sixty days with the superintendent in charge of the reservation on which the mining claim is located and that application for a lease under this section may be filed with such superintendent for transmission through official channels to the Secretary of the Interior: *And provided further*, That lands containing springs, water holes, or other bodies of water needed or used by the Indians for watering livestock, irrigation, or water-power purposes shall not be designated by the Secretary of the Interior as subject to entry under this section."

Approved, December 16, 1926.

Oil and gas excluded.

Lands subject to exploration to be determined.

Location of claims.

Proviso.
Locators to have preference right for leases.

Notice of applications to be filed, etc.

Water lands, etc., excluded.

CHAP. 15.—Joint Resolution Authorizing payment of salaries of the officers and employees of Congress for December, 1926, on the 20th day of that month.

December 18, 1926.

[H. J. Res. 305.]

[Pub. Res., No. 49.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives are authorized and directed to pay to the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives, including the Capitol Police, the Office of Legislative Counsel, and employees paid on vouchers under authority of resolutions, their respective salaries for the month of December, 1926, on the 20th day of that month.

Approved, December 18, 1926.

Congressional employees, etc., to be paid December salaries, December 20, 1926.

CHAP. 17.—An Act Authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Navy to turn over the gunboat Wolverine to the municipality of Erie, Pennsylvania.

December 21, 1926.

[H. R. 12853.]

[Public, No. 532.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to turn over to the municipality of Erie, Pennsylvania, the gunboat Wolverine, for use in connection with the training of the naval reserve organization of the city: *Provided*, That no expense to the Government shall be involved.

Approved, December 21, 1926.

Erie, Pa.
Gunboat "Wolverine" turned over to, for naval reserve.
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Proviso.
No Government expense.